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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 6-7 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The phrase “a side portion of the hook plates of the case-top face side portions of the hook protrusion of the main frame” is nonsensical.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 8-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,292,239 (“239”).

Regarding claims 1 and 8, 239 teaches a liquid crystal display device, comprising: a back-light assembly for radiating light onto a liquid crystal panel [2]; a main frame having a hook protrusion formed along an upper part for mounting the back-light assembly [20 and the protrusion is where the screw engages 20]; and a case-top having a plurality of hook plates positioned adjacent to the hook protrusion of the main frame [21 and where the screw is inserted], wherein the case-top includes a bent portions enclosing an edge portion of the liquid crystal display panel [see figure 7] and a side portion of the main frame [see figure 7].

Regarding claims 2 and 9, 239 teaches the device according to claim 1, further comprising a panel guide support having a first protrusion extending between the liquid crystal display panel and the back-light assembly, a second protrusion extending

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between the plurality of hook plates and the liquid crystal display panel, and a third protrusion extending between the main frame and the plurality of hook plates [17].

Regarding claims 3-4 and 10-11, 239 teaches the device according to claim 2, wherein the first protrusion contacts the liquid crystal display panel, the second protrusion contacts the case-top, and the third protrusion contacts the plurality of hook plates and the main frame [see figure 7 and 17].

Regarding claims 5 and 12, 239 teaches the device according to claim 2, wherein a portion of the case-top extends over a side portion of the liquid crystal display panel by a first distance and second distance [see the groove engagement on the left side when looking the figure].

Claims 1-5 and 8-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5929950 ("950").

Regarding claims 1 and 8, 950 teaches a liquid crystal display device, comprising: a back-light assembly for radiating light onto a liquid crystal panel [4]; a main frame having a hook protrusion formed along an upper part for mounting the back-light assembly [8 and 8a]; and a case-top having a plurality of hook plates positioned adjacent to the hook protrusion of the main frame [2], wherein the case-top includes a bent portions enclosing an edge portion of the liquid crystal display panel [see figure 6] and a side portion of the main frame [see figure 6].

Allowable Subject Matter

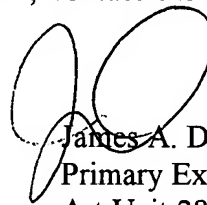
Claims 6-7 and 13-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Dudek whose telephone number is 571-272-2290. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James A. Dudek', is written over the printed name.

James A. Dudek
Primary Examiner
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